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Loss of Street Sweeper Hinders Cleanup Efforts

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(July 27, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian asked for the patience of residents over the coming weeks Wednesday as the City works to clean the streets with backup equipment.

A fire earlier this year in the Department of Public Works garage caused the destruction of the primary street sweeper the City uses. Since that point, workers have been using a spare machine that is temperamental and not as effective as the other machine.

New York State Senate Majority Leader Joseph L Bruno has pledged the money to purchase the new equipment, which carries an estimated price tag of \$180,000. The City is waiting for approval from New York State Comptroller's Office to obtain the new machine.

Tutunjian said Wednesday that the Action Team is continuing its efforts to clean the City on a daily basis, and he is asking for patience during the coming weeks as crews work.

"We take great pride in the cleanliness of our streets and the loss of this machine has hurt our efforts," Tutunjian said. "Crews will continue to work to the best of their ability and we hope that residents and businesses will remain patient while we work through this bump in the road."

The mayor said Wednesday that if anyone has questions or complaints they can be addressed to his office and the problem will be rectified as soon as possible. The phone number in the Mayor's Office is 270-4401 or Tutunjian can be reached through e-mail at mayorsoffice@troyny.gov